



Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 11 December 2022

Advent 3



Mat 11: 2 - 11

²When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

⁴Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy^[a] are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.”

⁷As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. ⁹Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written: **“ I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.”**

This Week.

Adult Fellowship 1.30pm Wed. 14th December
Advent Reflection 10.30am Tues. 13th Dec.
2pm Thurs. 15th Dec.

What's News

Third Sunday of Advent



Sharing God's love this Christmas

Zimbabwe is suffering from critically low food reserves, as climate change brings harsher and more frequent drought. Families already living in poverty and hunger are now being plunged further into crisis.

Through your gift this Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, to provide training in the latest climate-resilient farming techniques so families can be more food secure. **Please give today.**

CALL: 1800 025 101 VISIT: actforpeace.org.au/christmasbowl

The Christmas appeal of Act for Peace, the international humanitarian agency of the National Council of Churches in Australia. ABN 86 619 970 188



SEACLIFF SPIRITUALITY- COMING PROGRAMMES

Advent Reflection

At Seacliff, a three-week reflection explores again the events of Advent, and Christmas. The theme this year is, *"The Birth of Jesus - a Fresh Look"*. We know the Christmas story well, but what if there is more to the story? Session 3 of 3 will be held on **Tuesday 13/12 at 10.30am and Thursday 15/12 at 2:00pm.**

Gary

Election to Church Council

A reminder that nominations for election to Church Council are due by **February 5th, 2023**, for the conducting of the ballot at the AGM on Feb 19th. Nomination is open to Confirmed Members and Members-in-Association of Seacliff UC; nomination forms are available from Rosemary Thomson, - Congregational Secretary.

Reports for AGM

A reminder that annual reports from your group / activity are due to Rosemary by **the end of January**; thank you for making Rosemary's life easier by getting them in on time. Max



Notes from the Treasurer

Uniting Church Wall Calendars

As mentioned last Sunday these calendars have arrived and may be collected. They have cost Church Council \$6 each and any donations to defray this cost will be appreciated and may be placed in the nearby container.

Disaster and Recovery Ministry donation

On Monday I banked \$741.70 from the recent Stalls and within a week or so I expect this will 'grow' to almost \$1000 which I will forward to the organisation before Christmas on your behalf. It will be much appreciated I am sure.

A note to the Door Stewards

Thank you all very much for your faithful service and completion of the paperwork during the year. May I remind you that if I am absent (e.g. today), the 'money bag' should be given to Bob Heywood, Geoff Lister, Brian, Bruce or Dennis for safe keeping until I return and can do the banking.

David



Adult Fellowship

Our final meeting for 2022 will be a special Christmas afternoon organised on **Wednesday 14th** at **1.30pm** by the Executive and Social committees.

Members are asked to tell us about a special Christmas tradition or memory (The ones we were going to bring to our last meeting! Which was once again, Cancelled through Covid!)

Also, please bring your favourite, special or different *Christmas Wreath*...it may be a jewellery wreath or ornamental wreath or the same old sentimental one you bring out every year!

Executive and Social members please meet at 1pm at the hall.

Chris

A Big Thank You

This note is to say a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our Christmas Gift Shop to make it such a success. From the many hands who busily created the items for sale (knitters, cooks, craftsmen, gardeners, the tables were a delight, full of all kinds of little gifts), to the folk who came ready to purchase Christmas gifts and who readily rounded up the cost to make a donation. The folk at Seacliff UC are very generous, and this generosity has led to an amazing amount to be donated to the Uniting Church Disaster and Recovery Ministries to assist with the flood events happening in our state. Thank you all so very much ♥.

Heather Gepp



Cogs n Coffee

Ten of us did the ride to Esculent in Old Reynella for our coffee, and to say cheerio to Sue who heads to Canada for Christmas. Worth considering, from the Wednesday ride of the ten riders, seven are now using e - bikes.

Next week will be our last ride for the year, meeting at Seacliff train station at 8.30am for a ride from Seaford to Oxenberry, McClaren Vale, for a 10am brunch. *Brian*



Christmas Services 2022 Seacliff Uniting Church



Sunday 18 December 9. 30am

Carols Under the Pine Tree

Christmas Eve Saturday 24 December

6 pm Sausage Sizzle

7 pm Carol Singing

Followed by Supper in the Hall

Christmas Day Celebration 9am on 25th December

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Worship Leaders for Today: Rev. Gary Stuckey
Lectionary for Today: **11 December 2022: Is 35: 1 - 10;**
Ps 146: 5 - 10; Jm 5: 7 - 10; Mat 11: 2 - 11.
Reminder for Stewards: 18 December 2022
Pauline Galliford Richard Lane

Welcome to our Church.

Things you need to know, especially if you are a visitor.
Fire exits are marked. Please take note. In the case of an emergency evacuation please gather on the Western Lawns under the Pine Tree. **St John First Aid Kit** - on top of the pigeon holes up from the ramp. **Toilets** are available through the door front right of the Worship Area or out through the turn around point on the ramp. **Morning tea** is held after the service – we hope you will join with us. According to our **Covid plan**, please note the seating arrangements within the building for your safety.

Items for the Newsletter

Please email items to newsletter@seacliffuc.org by 5pm on Wednesdays. If you do not have access to email, please phone or call in at the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

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